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The Examiner is respectfully requested to review the references identified below and on the accompanying form PTO-1449 and make them of record in the instant application as required by MPEP § 609.

Non Patent References

3 sheets of drawings marked ES1295MI.EP1 3/26/99 J.E.J.

3 sheets of drawings marked EP1289MI.EP4 5/20/99 J.E.J.

3 sheets of drawings marked ES1295MI.EP5 7/1/99 J.E.J.

A commercial offer for sale of a shipping base as shown in the drawings marked ES1295MI.EP1 was made on or shortly after March 26, 1999.

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The Examiner is respectfully requested to initial each of the references on the enclosed PTO Form 1449, and return a copy of the initialed form to the undersigned attorney.

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